Exhibit B

Deposition Transcript of Wright

In the Matter Of:

WRIGHT vs

DRIVERDO

ISAAC WRIGHT

April 27, 2023



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1	APPEARANCES:		1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the record.	
2	SANFORD LAW FIRM, PLLC		2	My name is Pedro Diaz. I am the videographer	
3	MR. COLBY QUALLS (via videocon	ference)	3	retained by Lexitas.	
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6	On behalf of the Plaintif	f;	7	Today's date is April 27th, 2023. The time on	
7	O'HAGAN MEYER, LLC MR. RYAN T. BENSON (via videoc	onference)	8	the monitor is 10:08 a.m. Central Time.	
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11	On behalf of the Defendan ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Pedro Diaz	τ.	13	Isaac Wright versus Driverdo, LLC. The deponent is Isaac	
**	(videographer)		14	Wright. All counsel will be noted on the stenographic	
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	Ms. Kathy Zapp (via	videoconference)			
14	Mr. Adam Friend (via	videoconference)	16	Will all counsel please identify themselves	
15		+	17	beginning with the questioning attorney?	
16	^ * * * *	₩	18	MR. BENSON: Hi. I'm Ryan Benson, and I represent	
17			19	Driverdo, LLC.	
18			20	MR. QUALLS: I'm Colby Qualls. I represent	
19			21	Mr. Wright.	
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21			22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you.	
22			23	The court reporter is Rocio Arias and will now	
24			24	swear in the witness after which then counsel can	
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Page 5 Page 7 1 or ability to provide accurate answers? 1 proceed. 2 (Witness sworn.) 2 A. No, sir. WHEREUPON: 3 Q. Awesome. 4 ISAAC WRIGHT, 4 Can you provide your full name and spelling of 5 called as a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, it, please, for the record? 6 was examined and testified as follows: A. Yes. My name is Isaac, I S A A C; middle 7 MR. BENSON: So pursuant to the rules of Federal initial is T as in Travis; last name is Wright, 7 WRIGHT. Procedure and by agreement of the parties this is the deposition of Plaintiff, Isaac Wright. 9 Q. And is your current address 1413 Wood Street, 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION Lot 2, Dixmore, Illinois 60426? 11 BY MR. BENSON: 11 A. No, sir. Correction. It's 14136 Wood Street, 12 12 Lot 2, Dixmore, Illinois 60426. Q. Can I call you Isaac today? 13 13 Q. How long have you resided at this address? A. Yes, sir. 14 Q. I'm Ryan Benson. I'm the attorney for 14 A. June 1st, 2019. 15 Driverdo, LLC. 15 Q. What's your highest level of education? Have you ever had your deposition taken before? 16 16 A. High school diploma. 17 A. No, sir. 17 Q. Have you received any work-related trainings or 18 Q. So just a little couple pointers and, I guess, 18 certifications? 19 ground rules. A. Could you rephrase the question because I don't 19 20 For depositions, you know, a lot of times 20 understand it? 21 you're going to probably know what I'm going to ask 21 Q. Have you received any types of work 22 before I finish my question, but if you could, you know, 22 certifications, trainings? 23 23 wait until I finish my question before you answer, that A. From? 24 would be appreciated or else I'm going to have to ask it 24 Q. From anywhere. Page 6 Page 8 1 again, it'll probably just delay things. A. I'm prior military. That's the only thing I 2 Also, if you could give verbal responses and 2 see you trying to reference to. not head nods and nodding your head side to side because 3 Q. When were you in the military? we do have a court reporter, although we're on Zoom, she 4 A. I joined 1997. is writing everything down that's said. 5 Q. When did you exit the military? So if you give verbal responses, that'd be 6 2008. great. If you don't, I'll probably just -- I'll give you 7 Q. Were you employed in 2019? a -- I'll reask the question or ask you to give a verbal 8 A. With DRAIVER? Yes. 9 9 Q. Did you work anywhere else in 2019? 10 Sometimes I ask questions that I don't even 10 No, sir. Α. understand at times during depositions, so please if you 11 Q. Did you work anywhere in 2018? 12 don't understand one of my questions, let me know. 12 Yes, sir. 13 Is it fair if I ask a question and you heard 13 Where? and understood my question and you give an answer --Uber. 14 Α. Well, strike that. 15 Do you still work for Uber? 16 If you answer one of my questions, is it fair 16 A. No, sir. 17 to assume that you understood it? 17 Q. When was the last time you performed an Uber 18 A. Is it fair to assume that I understood it? 18 trip? 19 Q. If I ask a question and you provide an answer. 19 A. The day I started working for DRAIVER. A. Yes, sir. If I provide an answer for it, that 20 Q. Why did you stop performing Uber trips? 21 means that I understood it. 21 A. When did I do what, sir? 22 Q. Great. Great. 22 Q. Why did you stop performing Uber trips? 23 Is there -- Have you taken any medications 23 Because DRAIVER was sufficient. 24 today or consumed anything that would impair your memory 24 Q. What do you mean by "sufficient"?

Page 9 Page 11 A. DRAIVER was my only source of income for my 1 Q. So were you -- What were you doing for Wright's 2 home, and it did more -- it provided more than Uber did, 2 Services? Were you cleaning -so I put all my attention towards DRAIVER. 3 A. Cleaning homes, finding apartments. 4 Q. Did you -- Did you do any trips on Lyft or any Apartments, homes. 5 Q. When did you cease operating Wright's Cleaners other Ridesharing app? 6 A. No. sir. 6 or cleaning homes? 7 7 Q. How long did you drive for Uber? A. I started working for DRAIVER. Q. So you drove for Uber starting in 2015; is that 8 A. Since 2015. 8 9 Q. Isn't it true that you received a PPP loan? 9 correct? 10 A. Correction. I didn't -- Rephrase that. 10 A. I believe so. 11 Q. Did you receive a Paycheck Protection Program 11 Q. Did you -- To start driving for Uber, did you 12 loan? 12 have to get trained in any way? 13 A. Was I approved for it? Yes. 13 A. No, sir. 14 Q. Did you receive it? Q. When you drove for Uber, were you driving your 14 15 A. No, sir. It was cut out by the time they was 15 own personal vehicle? 16 able to give it to me? 16 A. Yes. sir. 17 Q. What business did you apply for under for a 17 Well correction, I rented a vehicle from them. 18 personal -- or Payment Protection Program loan? 18 Q. And on Uber what was your -- Strike that. A. What business? 19 19 What type of vehicle did you rent from Uber? 20 Q. Yes. 20 A. I don't remember at the time, but I know it was 21 A. Uber. 21 some type of electrical vehicle. 22 Q. So you didn't -- you didn't apply under 22 Q. Were you considered an independent contractor 23 Janitorial Services for the Payment Protection Payment 23 when you worked for Uber? 24 loan? 24 A. Yes. Page 10 Page 12 Q. Did Uber send you a 1099? A. Say that again, sir. What you mean Janitorial 1 2 Service? 2 A. Yes. Q. My question is you didn't apply for Paycheck Q. Did Uber provide you a cell phone to perform Protection Program Ioan in regard to Janitorial Services; 4 trips on their app? is that correct? 5 A. No, sir. 6 Q. Did DRAIVER provide you a cell phone to perform 6 A. No, that was included too. It was Uber and 7 Wright's Cleaners. 7 trips on their app? COURT REPORTER: And Wright's what I'm sorry? 8 8 A. No, sir. THE WITNESS: Cleaners. Q. Did you have to sign any contracts to drive 10 BY MR. BENSON: 10 with Uber? 11 Q. What's Wright's Cleaners? 11 A. I believe so. Don't remember. 12 Q. Do you remember if you had agreed to Uber's 12 A. It's a business I started when I was working 13 with Uber. But it wasn't really a -- a business. I just 13 terms and conditions to --14 took over clienteles and gave myself a name. But then I 14 A. Yeah -- Yes. 15 had to get it certified. 15 Q. Let me finish my question, please. 16 Q. Is Wright's Cleaners still an operating 16 Do you remember if you had agreed to Uber's 17 business? terms and conditions prior to accepting trips on the app? 17 18 A. No, sir. 18 A. Yes.

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24 when I was driving for Uber.

A. Me and my wife.

Q. Did Wright's Cleaners have any employees?

Q. And when was Wright's Cleaners operating?

A. I don't have the exact day -- I mean time. I

23 don't know exactly. Like I said, it was during the time

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24 agree to the terms and conditions?

Q. Did you have to agree to DRAIVER's terms and

Q. Prior to every ride taken with DRAIVER or every

trip accepted through the DRAIVER app, did you have to

conditions prior to accepting rides on the app?

Page 13 Page 15 A. No. All you have to do is accept the trip. 1 the bank, your loan off directly; is that correct? 2 There wasn't no terms to agree to. 2 A. That is correct. Q. Do you remember if when you were accepting 3 Q. Why is your vehicle in your mother's name? A. Because she's helping me. 4 trips, that it stated that you agreed to DRAIVER's terms 4 and conditions? 5 Q. Between 2019 and 2022, did you have car A. When you accept the trip, it just has notes in 6 insurance? 7 there on talking about the trips. That's what I 7 A. Yes, sir, I did. remember. 8 Q. What was your car insurance -- For who -- Who Q. Okay. Did you -- When driving for Uber, did 9 is your car insurance through? 10 you have to accept a trip on the app to perform a trip? A. It was through State Farm, then I went from 11 A. Yes. 11 State Farm to Geico. Q. Before driving a trip on DRAIVER, a trip on the 12 Q. And DRAIVER never directly paid to State Farm 13 DRAIVER app, did you have to accept a trip on the DRAIVER 13 or Geico your car insurance; is that correct? 14 app prior to performing the trip? A. No. 14 15 A. Can you rephrase that question because it 15 Q. Did DRAIVER buy you a cell phone? 16 depends on who's giving out that trip? 16 A. No. 17 Q. To perform a trip on the DRAIVER -- through the 17 Q. Did DRAIVER ever pay your cell phone bill? 18 DRAIVER app, did you have to accept a trip on the app? 18 A. When you're axing this questions, because 19 A. Yes. 19 you're confusing me the question because you're saying 20 Q. Sorry. One moment. did DRAIVER ever pay my phone bill. When I worked with 21 When you performed trips on the DRAIVER app, the -- The money that I worked and got from them, yes, 21 22 did you own the car you were performing trips with? 22 that's what paid my phone bill. Q. But DRAIVER never directly paid to the phone 23 A. Yes. 23 24 Q. What type of car were you driving? 24 company your phone bill; is that correct? Page 14 Page 16 1 A. 2018 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross. A. That is correct, sir. Can you clear the 2 Q. Did you personally own that vehicle -- Or do questions up, please? you personally own that vehicle, I should ask? 3 Q. Sure. I'll try my best, Mr. Wright. A. Do I personally own it? 4 A. Thank you. 5 Q. Yes. 5 Q. Was your vehicle, your 2018 Mitsubishi Eclipse, registered in the state of Illinois? A. Can you rephase it? Is you trying to ax me is 6 7 the vehicle in my name? 7 A. Yes, sir, it is. Q. Sure. Let's ask that. Is the 2018 Mitsubishi 8 Q. Did DRAIVER ever pay to this -- to the best of Eclipse in your name? your knowledge your registration for your vehicle to the 10 A. No, my mother's name. But I pay the notes. 10 State of Illinois? 11 11 Q. Is the car currently paid off? A. No, sir, they didn't. 12 A. No, sir. Still trying to pay the notes on it. 12 Q. While you were performing trips on the DRAIVER 13 Q. Did DRAIVER ever -- And when I'm talking 13 app, did you receive any traffic tickets? 14 DRAIVER, I'm referring to the defendant Driverdo. Did 14 A. No, sir. 15 DRAIVER ever pay any of your monthly payments for the Q. Since 2019 have you filed taxes? 15 16 vehicle? 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 A. Can you rephrase? What do you mean pay my 17 Q. Have you filed taxes every year since 2019? 18 bills? Like they offered to pay my bills? 18 A. Yes, sir. 19 Q. Yeah. Did DRAIVER make any payments towards 19 Q. Did you stop accepting rides/trips on the 20 your Mitsubishi Eclipse? DRAIVER app in 2022? 20 21 A. Was they my only source of income? Yeah. Was 21 A. What do you mean stop? 22 I using they income to pay for my notes? Yes. If that's 22 Q. Did you stop doing trips?

Q. But DRAIVER never paid the car dealership or

23 what you're trying to ax me.

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A. I don't remember.

Q. When was the last trip you accepted on the

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A. Yes, I do still have it. 1 DRAIVER app? 1 2 A. I do not remember. DRAIVER will have that 2 Q. Who's Shanika Wright? 3 information. 3 A. My wife. Q. Since performing your last trip on the DRAIVER 4 Q. So you could have never accepted a trip on the DRAIVER app? You don't remember? app, have you worked for any other companies? 6 A. I just said I don't remember. DRAIVER has that 6 A. No. Since I left DRAIVER, I no longer have a 7 information. 7 place to stay and I don't have a job because that was my 8 Q. Did you accept a trip on the DRAIVER app in only source of income. 9 2022? 9 Q. So you haven't had any source of income since 10 A. Again, DRAIVER has that information. I don't January or February of 2022? 10 11 remember. 11 A. No, sir. 12 Q. So you don't know if you did any trips on the 12 Q. Have you tried to drive for Uber again? 13 DRAIVER app in 2022? 13 No, sir. 14 A. Again, I don't remember. DRAIVER will have 14 Q. Why not? 15 that information. Because I have to go -- There's a lot of stuff 15 16 Q. So if you don't remember ever doing a 16 I have to go back and do to be recertified, and I don't 17 DRAIVER -- a trip on the DRAIVER app in 2022, you don't 17 have the funds to do it. 18 know if you ever worked over 40 hours a week performing 18 Q. Are you currently receiving any State benefits 19 DRAIVER trips in 2022; is that correct? or Federal benefits? 19 20 A. I don't know if I what? 20 A. No. sir. 21 Q. If you don't remember performing a DRAIVER trip Q. How did you hear of DRAIVER? 21 22 in 2022, does that mean you also don't know if you ever 22 A. I believe I saw it on Indeed or one of them 23 worked over 40 hours a week on DRAIVER trips in 2022? 23 popular work sites. 24 A. No, I know for a fact I worked over 40 hours. 24 Q. When you said a moment ago you have to get Page 18 Page 20 Q. And when was that? 1 1 certifi- -- you had to get certifications to re-drive for 2 A. Any week I worked with DRAIVER. Uber, what certifications were you referring to? Q. But you don't know --3 A. Well, you have to take your vehicle back down A. And I'm axing you -- I'm axing you to clear the there to be re-inspected in order for them to drive it. 5 questions up. You axing me did I ever -- my last time And my check engine light is on, so I can't go down that I worked with DRAIVER in 2022. I don't remember 6 there. 7 that. Now you're axing me did I -- do I know for sure 7 Q. Did DRAIVER inspect your 2018 Mitsubishi about any 40 hours in '22. If I'm axing -- If I'm Eclipse prior to you using it in any trips through the telling you I don't remember working at DRAIVER, you keep 9 app? axing me the same question, but you're trying to rephrase 10 A. No, sir. You just have to have insurance. 11 it and put it in a way to try to make me seem like I'm a 11 Q. How are you currently paying your expenses 12 liar. So again, can you make the questions more clear? without any income? 12 13 Q. Do you remember working for DRAIVER in 2022? 13 A. My wife is working. 14 A. I don't remember. Q. What's her job? 14 15 Q. Do you remember working for DRAIVER in 2021? 15 A. And we can't pay nothing because we live on the 16 A. Yes, sir. 16 streets, and she work at Dollar Tree. 17 Q. But in 2022 you don't have recollection of any Q. Is it true that you live on the streets, or do 17 18 trips that you performed for DRAIVER; is that correct? 18 you actually live at 14136 Wood Street? A. I remember '21. I don't remember '22. I mean, 19 19 A. No, it's true that I live on the streets. 20 man. I believe -- not for sure, but I believe the last 20 Q. Was the address 14136 Wood Street, Lot 2, 21 trip I took was in February or January of 2022. I 21 Dixmore, Illinois, was that place foreclosed on? 22 believe. 22 A. No, sir. I wasn't able to pay rent because of 23 Q. Do you currently have on your phone the DRAIVER the loss. When I lost my job with DRAIVER, I wasn't able

24 app?

to pay rent, so we was kicked out of our homes.

Page 21 Page 23 1 1 Q. Where do you currently receive your mail? A. Yes. 2 Goes to her mother house. 2 Q. What type of details could you learn about a 3 Q. What's that address? 3 trip before you accepted it? 4 A. Harvey, Illinois. 4 A. In the details it just tell you what time they 5 Q. What address in Harvey? 5 would like you to start, and any other notes that they 6 A. 15927 Paulina Street. felt like they should put in there. Anything that they 7 Q. Did you have to apply to start doing trips can find that they can make up to put in there, they put 8 through DRAIVER. in there. If something that they feel wasn't right, then A. What do you mean? Apply for DRAIVER to get 9 they'll make that a rule and put it in the notes. 10 on -- put on an app? 10 Q. In the notes would there be such things as what 11 Q. Yes. 11 type of vehicles are being picked up or the locations 12 that you'd have to pick up individuals? A. Yes, sir. That's with any job, you have to 12 13 apply. 13 A. Sometimes they had the vehicles in there, 14 sometimes they don't. Q. And what was that process? What did that 14 15 process entail? 15 Q. When you're performing chaser trips, did you 16 Don't remember. 16 have to pay for your own gas? 17 Q. During that process, did you speak to anybody 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 on the telephone? 18 Q. When accepting a pacer -- a chaser trip, would 19 A. Don't remember that either. I probably did, 19 it tell you how many passengers you were going to pick 20 but I don't remember. 20 up? 21 Q. When I use the term chaser, does that mean 21 A. Yeah, I would say. I have to fit three or two 22 anything to you? 22 in there comfortably. 23 A. That's what DRAIVER called the individual that 23 Q. Were you performing chaser trips to the same 24 picks up the hikers and take them to they destination. start and drop off locations regularly, or were they --Page 22 Page 24 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. That picks up what, and 1 the trips you accepted all different? 1 2 takes them to their destination? 2 A. Some was regular, some was different. It 3 THE WITNESS: A chaser is a individual that DRAIVER depends on the area manager. uses to pick up hikers to take them to --4 Q. All right. I am going to mark my first 5 COURT REPORTER: Thank you. 5 exhibit. 6 6 THE WITNESS: -- their destination. Mr. Wright, can you see that -- can you see on 7 COURT REPORTER: Thank you. 7 your phone? Does it say Exhibit 1? BY MR. BENSON: A. (No verbal response.) 9 Q. When using the app, did you perform more chaser MR. BENSON: Did we lose him? 10 or driver duties? 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I think he froze. Can we go --11 A. Chaser. 11 can we take a brief break? 12 Q. When accepting trips on the app, did you 12 MR. BENSON: Yeah. 13 primarily -- Strike that. 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Wait. Wait. There he is. 14 When accepting trips on the app, did you almost 14 Mr. Wright, can you hear us? 15 always do -- act as a chaser? 15 THE WITNESS: Perfectly. 16 A. Sometimes. Yeah, almost. Almost all the time. 16 BY MR. BENSON: 17 Almost all the time. 17 Q. Mr. Wright, can you see on the -- your screen 18 Q. Why did you accept more chaser jobs than driver 18 Exhibit 1? A. Yes. sir. 19 iobs? 19 20 A. Pay more. 20 Q. All right. I'm going to show you an exhibit. 21 Q. Prior to accepting a trip on the app, would it 21 I'm going to show you -- I'm going to be showing you 22 tell you how much the trip was going to pay you? exhibits throughout this deposition, okay? I'm going to

Q. Would it also tell you the details of the trip?

A. Yes.

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slowly scroll through. I'm going to ask you if you know

24 what this document is, okay? So I'm going to slowly

- 1 scroll through this real quick. If you need me to stop,
- 2 just tell me to stop.
- 3 A. You're asking me what it is?
- 4 Q. Yeah. Do you know what this document is?
- 5 I'm at the end. After me showing you this
- 6 document, do you know what it is?
- 7 A. Can you say it one more time? Repeat it again.
- 8 Q. Do you know what this document is? Do you
- 9 recognize this document?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. It is my case file.
- 11 Q. Is this the complaint that you filed in the
- 12 case?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Is this your signature right here?
- 15 A. Yes, it is.
- 16 Q. Did you review this document before it was
- 17 filed?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. And you agree with every statement made in this
- 20 document?
- 21 A. Yes, if I made it.
- 22 Q. In Paragraph 36 it says, Plaintiff and other
- 23 drivers were required to complete the task defendant
- 24 assigned to them or risk being disciplined, including

- 1 Q. So did you accept every single trip that was
- 2 listed on the app?
- 3 A. No, sir. Depends on the area manager.
- 4 Q. So is your answer you did not accept all trips
- 5 that were listed on the app?
- 6 A. It is humanly impossible to accept every trip
- 7 on the app.
- 8 Q. So is your answer no?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Were you ever required to accept a trip on the
- 11 app?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. In what way?
- 14 A. If DRAIVER had a trip up there and then they
- 15 needed 11 drivers, they would not -- Let's say I didn't
- 16 want to take that, wouldn't be no choice because they
- 17 would not put no other trip up there or do anything else
- 18 until that trip is filled.
- 19 Q. But you had a choice to accept or decline that
- 20 trip; is that correct?
- 21 A. Yeah, if I want to make some money, sir.
- Q. So you could -- So no one forced you to accept
- 23 a trip that was on the app; is that correct?
- 24 A. Rephrase the question again because --

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- 1 termination. Am I reading that correct?
- 2 A. Yes, you are.
- 3 Q. Isn't it true that you accepted the trips on
- 4 the app before performing them?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Isn't it true that no one from DRAIVER ever
- 7 accepted a trip on the app for you?
- 8 A. Rephrase that. What do you mean by accepted a
- 9 trip?
- 10 Q. Did anybody that was -- Did anybody besides
- 11 yourself accept trips that you performed on the DRAIVER
- 12 app?
- 13 A. Are you trying to ax me did they send me trips
- 14 without me accepting them?
- 15 Q. No. Did DRAIVER ever have trips on the app
- 16 that you did not accept?
- 17 A. That I did not accept?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. I don't think there's not one trip that I did
- 20 not accept.
- 21 Q. Wasn't there -- At times, weren't there
- 22 multiple trips listed on the app?
- 23 A. At times, you absolutely right, there are
- 24 multiple trips listed on the app.

- 1 Q. Did anybody force you to accept a trip that was 2 on the app?
- A. To me? Forcing me to take a trip because you
- 4 need the trip filled, yeah, that's forcing because I have
- 5 to take this trip in order for you to put some more trips
- 6 up there. Yeah, that's a force to me.
- 7 Q. But you were never told, You need to accept
- 8 this trip; is that correct?
- 9 A. I was told that the trip has to be filled for
- 0 any other trips to come on that board. I don't know how
- 11 you're trying to rephrase this question, but I'm going to
- 12 answer the same way you keep rephrasing it. It's the
- 13 same answer. Ain't nothing going to change.
- 14 Q. But no one told you you needed to accept a
- 15 trip; is that correct?
- 16 A. No one told me that I needed to accept the
- 17 trip, no.
- 18 Q. So every trip that you accepted was on your own
- 19 free will; is that correct?
- A. Again, I cannot say that because when they put
- 21 the trips up there, things have to go they way before
- 22 another trip to be put up there. So again, that question
- 23 is -- is going to be the same way.
- 24 Q. When there were multiple trips listed on the

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- 1 app, were you ever forced to take one trip over a 2 different one?
- A. Again, when there was multiple trips on there,
- 4 if I pick the trip and an area manager did not want me on
- that trip, yes, he took that trip from me. So again you
- need to rephrase that question. Because, yes, there is
- 7 multiple trips on that app.
- Q. When you did not accept a trip, did you receive
- other trip opportunities in the future?
- 10 A. Again, depending on the area manager.
- 11 Q. Is the answer yes or no?
- 12 A. I cannot answer that with a complete yes or no
- 13 answer when I'm telling you it depended on the area
- manager. I can't say yes or no to that question.
- 15 Q. My question's pretty simple. If you did not
- 16 accept a --
- 17 A. And my answer is pretty simple too, sir.
- 18 Q. If you did not accept a trip on the app, could
- 19 you accept a future trip that was posted on the app, yes
- 20 or no?
- 21 A. Yes. Depends on the area manager. You keep
- 22 putting these questions, and I'm going to keep giving you
- 23 the same answers, sir. Ain't nothing going to change on
- 24 my answer. Did they have say-so over our trips? Yes,

- Page 31 Q. Do you know if there were different trips
- 2 posted to different contractors' apps?
- Yes, I know that for a fact.
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- 4 Q. How do you know that?
- 5 Because the driver would show me.
- 6 Q. What driver showed you?
- 7 A. They number one guy, Jesus. I don't know his
- 8 last name.
- 9 Q. Is that the only person that showed you?
- 10 A. I can name a couple more people, but I don't
- know they name. It's more like people that's been there
- like Michelle. What was that other guy's name?
- Michelle -- It's a lot of them. Oh, my goodness. That's
- why I got my phone here. There was a few of them. Can't
- think of they names off top, but those are a couple of
- names that I could think of off top, Jesus and Michelle.
- 17 Q. How would they show you there's different trips 18 around?
- A. Because when we are in the truck and a trip 19
- pops up, it pops up on theirs and never pops up on mine.
- And they tells me out of they mouth that the area manager
- sent to them -- to them personally, or it's only
- dedicated to -- they only delegate certain trips to
- certain people -- to certain drivers of the company.

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- 2 Q. Were there certain trips you routi -- routinely
- did not accept because you did not want to drive that
- 4 trip?

1 they did, sir.

- 5 A. There was trips that I could not get because
- 6 the area manager didn't display likeness for me.
- 7 Q. I'm going to ask again because you didn't
- 8 answer the question. Were there certain trips you
- 9 routinely did not accept because you did not want to
- 10 drive that trip?
- 11 A. No. There was no trip that I did not -- that I
- 12 accepted that I did not want to do.
- 13 Q. Were there trips that you did accept, but you
- 14 did not want to do them?
- 15 A. Yes, because I needed to make some money.
- 16 Q. But if you didn't accept a trip, you wouldn't
- 17 get paid; is that correct?
- 18 A. I wouldn't make no money. You right. I
- 19 wouldn't make no money. You right about that, sir.
- 20 Q. Were there driver trips that were posted on the
- 21 app that you did not accept?
- 22 A. May have, may have not. Don't remember.
- 23 Because if you put a certain -- on your app, then those
- 24 the trips that comes to you. So again, may or may not.

- Q. Did you ever ask anyone working at DRAIVER for 2 certain trips?
- 3 A. What do you mean ax?
- 4 Q. Did you ask them for certain trips that you'd
- like to perform?
- A. Did I ax anyone at DRAIVER? Did I have a
- 7 relationship with Tito and Alex where I can call them and
- ax to see if they have trips? Yes.
- Q. And would they ever send certain trips directly
- 10 to you once you asked them?
- 11 A. Sometimes. Sometimes they wouldn't.
- Q. DRAIVER never told you that you had to work a 12
- 13 certain amount of hours a week; is that correct?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 MR. BENSON: All right. I got to go to the
- bathroom. I need a little break. 16
- 17 Colby, 10 minutes?
- 18 MR. QUALLS: 10 minutes works.
- 19 MR. BENSON: 11:18?
- MR. QUALLS: It sounds good. 20
- 21 MR. BENSON: Okay.
 - THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going to go off the video
- record. The time is 11:08 a.m. Central Time. 23
- 24 (A short break was had.)

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- 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the start of Media Label
- 2 No. 2. Going back on the video record, and the time is
- 3 11:20 a.m. Central Time.
- 4 BY MR. BENSON:
- 5 Q. I'm looking at Exhibit 1, the complaint, again.
- 6 And, Mr. Wright, it says in Paragraph 36, let me know if
- 7 I'm misreading that. Plaintiff and other drivers were
- 8 required to complete the tasks defendant assigned to them
- 9 or risk being disciplined, including termination. Is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A. Yeah. But I don't see that thing up there no
- 12 more.
- 13 Q. You don't see the complaint on the screen
- 14 anymore?
- 15 A. No, sir. Now I do.
- 16 Now you say what now?
- 17 Q. Plaintiff and other drivers were required to
- 18 complete the tasks defendant assigned to them or risk
- 19 being disciplined, including termination. Am I reading
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Isn't it true that you were never assigned a
- 23 trip but accepted a trip yourself?
- 24 A. No, that's not true.

1 continuously?

- A. Yeah. I mean yeah. As long as you're active
- 3 on the portal, yeah, you can accept trips.
- 4 Q. Paragraph 42 you state, Plaintiff and other
- 5 drivers regularly and customarily worked at defendant's

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- 6 facility. Am I reading that correct?
- 7 A. Plaintiff and other drivers regularly and -- At
- 8 the defendant's facility?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. No. What do you mean regularly? I don't
- 11 understand that.
- 12 Q. Sir, you're the one that filed the complaint,
- 13 but do you know -- do you understand what plaintiff
- 14 means?
- 15 A. Yeah. I know what -- I know what the plaintiff
- 16 means.
- 17 Q. Who's the plaintiff in this case?
- 18 A. Me.
- 19 Q. Did you ever work at any of defendant's
- 20 facilities?
- 21 A. Work at they facility? They don't have a
- 22 facility. What do you mean? So did we work at a
- 23 designated place? Yes.
- 24 Q. But it wasn't owned by DRAIVER or Driverdo,

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- Q. How were you ever assigned a trip?
- 2 A. Tito sent me trips. Alex sent me trips.
- 3 Timothy Casey, when he was there, sent me trips. What is
- 4 the other area manager name? I can't think of his name.
- 5 But yeah, they done sent me trips before.
- Q. But you weren't required to accept them; is
- 7 that correct?
- 8 A. No.

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- 9 Q. So are you saying you were required to accept
- 10 the trips?
- 11 A. No, we wasn't required to accept a trip is what
- 12 I'm telling you.
- 13 Q. Okay. It states here in Paragraph 39.
- 14 Plaintiff and other drivers were hired to work for
- 15 defendant for continuous and ongoing period of time. Am
- 16 I reading that correct?
- 17 A. Mm-hmm -- Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. What do you mean by you were hired to work for
- 19 a continuous and ongoing period of time?
- A. This was no seasonal job. Wasn't no limit on
- 21 there. This was actually a job, job. It wasn't no peak
- 22 season or nothing like that. It was a job.
- 23 Q. So you're saying you could have -- During your
- 24 time accepting trips, you could accept the trip

1 correct?

- 2 A. No, it was contacted through them, yeah. It
- 3 wasn't owned by them, but it was contracted with them.
- 4 Q. What facility did DRAIVER or Driverdo contract?
- 5 A. Pensy -- Penske, Budget. So that was our
- 6 meeting place.
- 7 Q. But you have no knowledge that you ever stepped
- 8 foot on any property owned by DRAIVER or Driverdo; is
- 9 that correct?
- 10 A. Rephrase that because I stepped on one of they
- 11 area manager's property before to pick up -- What was I
- 12 picking up? Pick up some keys.
- 13 Q. Where did you -- Where did you pick up keys
- 14 from an area manager?
- 15 A. What's that man name? Tito's. He left it on
- 16 the porch.
- 17 Q. Was it the porch of his house?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So --
- 20 A. And if I'm not mistaken, that's where he worked
- 21 from.
- 22 Q. So between 2019 and 2022 the only time you
- 23 believe you -- Strike that. Let me rephrase.
- 24 Did you ever enter any type of office building

Page 37 Page 39 of DRAIVER or Driverdo? 1 Q. So sometimes they gave you more when you asked 2 A. Any office building? No. Because the office 2 for it? 3 is --3 A. Yes, sometimes. Q. It's okay if you say no. No is fine. 4 4 Q. Okay. 5 A. Because that's when I have to wait four and Did you ever meet in person any area manager? 5 6 A. No. 6 five extra hours. 7 7 Q. Did you ever have an area manager ride in your Q. Do you know if other chasers or drivers ever 8 vehicle? asked for more money to complete trips and they received 9 A. There was no area manager, but he called 9 it or not? himself a manager. 10 A. That's where I learned to ax for money from, 10 11 Q. Who are you referring to? 11 was the other drivers. 12 A. I can't think. Give me a few minutes. That's 12 Q. So they told you at times when they asked for 13 what he told us. I can't think of his name. I can't 13 more money to complete trips that happened? A. Yeah. I axed for more money on the wait time. 14 think of his name. Sammy. 14 15 Q. Who's Sammy? That's the only time I axed for more money. Because if I have to wait an extra five hours, yeah. And they only 16 A. He said he was basically a field manager. 17 That's what he called himself. 17 give you \$20 for that. 18 18 Q. When did you meet him? Q. When you accepted a trip on the app, was there 19 A. I meet him when I was working for DRAIVER. start times for the trips? 19 20 What do you mean? 20 A. Yes, sir, it was -- They prefer start times. 21 Q. Was there a certain date that you met him? Was 21 Q. But at times you could -- Or at times drivers 22 there a certain shift that you met him? 22 and chasers would start before the start time listed on 23 A. I don't remember, but it was -- he had been in the app; is that correct? 23 24 A. Yeah. But there were repercussions behind 24 my vehicle plenty of times. Page 38 Page 40 1 that. 1 Q. Do you remember any conversations you had with 2 him? 2 Q. But at times drivers and chasers -- I'll call A. Some. them users -- started before start times on the app, is Q. What conversations did you have with him? that true? 5 A. Just talking about the trips. He gave me 5 A. Yes. But there was repercussions behind it, insight on the trips and what I need to do. And that's 6 sir. pretty much how I found out that area manager are picky 7 Q. What do you mean by repercussions? on who they want to give the trips to. 8 A. Because if the trip started at 9:00 o'clock and Q. Paragraph 44, it says, Defendant set prices -we start a little bit early from there and we go down sorry -- Defendant set prices for services without input there and the truck is not there, we have to wait until 11 from or negotiation with plaintiff and other drivers. Am they physically get up out they bed and answer the phone. 12 I reading that correct? Other than that we'll be waiting for hours until they 13 A. Yes. feel like they want to answer our call and let us know 14 Q. Isn't it true that at times you asked for more what to do because of the --15 money to complete a trip? 15 Q. And who are you calling? Are you calling 16 A. Is it true that I axed for more money? Yes, I 16 **DRAIVER** are Driverdo's customer service? did. Did I receive it? No, I didn't. A. I was calling the customer service at first, 17 17 18 Q. So when you asked for more money -but all they do is escalate the call to the area manager. 19 A. Let me rephrase that. Sometimes. Just in And then when the area manager called, I just kept the 20 case. Sometimes. 20 number. And that's who I talk to. 21 Q. So sometimes you would ask for more money, and 21 Q. So over the time you learned the area manager's 22 you received it? numbers; is that correct? 22

24 I meant by sometimes.

A. No. Sometimes they gave it to me. That's what

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A. (No verbal response.)

MR. BENSON: I think he's frozen.

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Page 41 Page 43 Can you hear me? 1 1 were giving the answer. 2 A. Yes, sir. 2 A. Oh, wow. 3 3 MR. BENSON: Rocio, can you read back my last Q. So I got to ask it again. 4 question? I don't remember what I asked. Impossible. 4 5 (Record read as requested.) 5 When were you told you were to go a certain 6 BY THE WITNESS: 6 way? 7 7 A. And I replied yes. A. If we got to a location and the location that I used on my map didn't show the right location of where 8 Q. You would predominately contact area managers when there was a problem with the trip; is that right? the truck need to be picked up at and then we had to call 10 A. Yes. Sometimes, and sometimes no. Customer them, and he would tell me that I should of went this 11 service, whatever you call them people. way, and I'm telling him that I'm only going the way that 12 my maps tell me to go. Q. What other reasons would you contact the area 12 13 manager besides having an issues with the trip? 13 Q. So you're just talking about the end location, 14 A. That's the only time you would call the area is where you're being told to go to? 14 manager, if you're having an issue with the trip or 15 A. Yeah. Pretty much. Yes, sir. 16 you're trying to get a trip. 16 Q. But you were never told besides not taking toll 17 Q. When would the area managers reach out to you? roads how to get to the end location; is that correct? 18 18 A. Whenever they felt like it. A. No. sir. 19 19 Q. Would they only reach out about issues with Q. All right. I'm going to mark this as 20 trips and/or see if you'd accept a trip? Exhibit 2 called Plaintiff's Responses to 21 A. Pretty much. Issues with the trip, or seeing Interrogatories. That's what I'm looking at. 22 if I'd accept a trip, you're right. 22 I'm going to scan through this again, 23 Q. When you accepted a trip, were you required to 23 Mr. Wright, real quick so you can see, and then I'm going 24 take a certain rout -- route performing the trip? to ask you about specific responses. Page 42 Page 44 1 A. No at first. Do you know what this document is, Mr. Wright? 2 Q. What do you mean "no at first"? Can you expand A. It looks like -- No, but it says Plaintiff's Isaac Wright's Answers to the Defendant's first set of 3 on that? A. Because when I would take a trip, I normally go Interrogatories. 5 5 through the toll road, and they normally 'posed to pay Q. Interrogatories. Yeah. 6 for tolls. But because my tolls were so high, they Do you remember seeing this document? didn't want to pay for that. They telling me that I need 7 A. I answered those questions. 8 to stop taking the tollway so much. And this came out of Q. You answered these questions, okay. And at the end you signed a verification saying that these are true Tito's mouth. 10 Q. So they told you to -- they didn't want to and correct responses; is that correct? 11 reimburse you for tolls? 11 A. Yeah. I believe so. I didn't see my signature 12 A. Stop taking the toll so much. Yes, sir. 12 at the bottom, so ... 13 Q. So besides taking the toll road and reimbursing Q. It says here -- Or you say here in your 14 you for tolls, did they ever direct you on exact roads to response, Timothy Casey, Tito Reyes, Alex, and Omar were take to certain destinations? all managers I had. I worked with Alex and Tito a lot. 16 A. Sometimes. If they wanted us to go a certain 16 They were my supervisors; is that correct? 17 way. 17 A. Yes. They the only managers. 18 Q. When did they ask you to go a certain way? 18 Q. Why do you state that they're your supervisors 19 A. When I had to call them to get the right 19 in this response? 20 destination. So he telling me that I should have went 20 Because they are area managers. 21 this way when my only thing I'm doing is following my GPS 21 Q. Just based on their title, is that why you call them supervisors in your response? 22 map. So yeah, there's plenty of times he gonna say that 22

Q. You were frozen the entire time almost that you

23 to me.

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24 it?

A. Yes, sir. Area manager is a supervisor, ain't

- 1 Q. Did Timothy Casey, Tito Reyes, Alex, or Omar
- 2 ever promote you?
- 3 A. No. What do you mean by promote? Rephrase the
- 4 question.
- 5 Q. Did they ever give you a promotion at DRAIVER
- 6 or Driverdo?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did they ever suspend you?
- 9 A. One of them did.
- 10 Q. And who was that?
- 11 A. One of them got me suspended. I had to get
- 12 taken off the platform for two weeks. I believe that was
- 13 Tito.
- 14 Q. You were taken off the platform?
- 15 A. Yep.
- 16 Q. When were you taken off the platform?
- 17 A. Don't remember, but I know I was taken off for
- 18 two weeks.
- 19 Q. Was it after an incident in which you ran into
- 20 a security guard with the car?
- 21 A. No, sir. And I never ran into a security guard
- 22 with no vehicle.
- 23 Q. Did you ever hit anybody with a vehicle while
- 24 doing a trip for DRAIVER?

- 1 A. I was told that Ford is the one that told
- 2 DRAIVER to get rid of me.
- 3 Q. After that incident you signed up for -- you
- 4 drove again for DRAIVER; isn't that correct?
- A. Yes, that is correct. And they took me right
- 6 back off the platform.
- 7 Q. Did you use a different name to drive for
- 8 DRAIVER?
- 9 A. No. I used my name. Isaac.
 - Q. And you only drove a couple trips; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yeah, I drove a few trips, yeah, before they
- 13 finally caught on that it was me.
- 14 Q. So you created multiple accounts with DRAIVER?
- 15 A. Just the original one and then a second one.
- 16 Q. So the only time you were suspended from the
- 17 app was when -- after the Ford incident; is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, sir. I wasn't suspended. I was
- 19 terminated.
- 20 Q. So you were never suspended from the app, you
- 21 were only terminated from the app?
- 22 A. I was suspended -- Yes, I was suspended earlier
- 23 from DRAIVER because Tito felt some type of way because
- 24 he didn't like the response that I gave him. So whatever

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- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. Do you know what I'm referring to?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. What took place?
- 5 A. What took place? Driverdo told me that they
- 6 only can review the camera at their discretion because I
- 7 told them that the man nev- -- I never hit the man with
- 8 the car. He turned around. If you looked on the camera,
- 9 he slapped -- he turned around and took his right --
- 10 which arm was that? Left -- right arm and slapped the
- 11 hood of my car and said, Now you done it. You're out of
- 12 here. You just hit me.
- 13 Q. And where was this? Was this at a Ford
- 14 dealership?
- 15 A. Yes, sir, it was.
- 16 Q. And after that you couldn't use the app
- 17 anymore?
- 18 A. No, sir. And when I called DRAIVER, DRAIVER
- 19 said they only review the camera at they discretion.
- 20 Q. Do you know if Ford told DRAIVER they didn't
- 21 want you to drive on -- to take any trips on any other --
- 22 Strike that.
- 23 Do you know any communications before --
- 24 between Ford and DRAIVER regarding to the incident?

- 1 he told them, I ended up off the platform for two weeks.
- 2 Q. When was this?
- 3 A. Probably in '21. I believe it was in '21 or
- 4 '20. One of them years. Don't remember exactly, but I
- 5 know I was off the platform for two weeks because of him.
- 6 Q. How do you know you were off the platform for
- 7 two weeks?
- A. Because -- When you go into the -- what's the
- 9 name -- into your app, you go inside the portal, and it
- 10 shows that you are inactive. You call the number, they
- 11 tell you why you were inactive.
- 12 Q. So they told you you were inactive on the app?
- 13 A. Yes, sir. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did they give any explanation why?
- 15 A. From, I guess, my assumption, he didn't like
- 16 the way I talked to him. That's the only thing I can
- 17 think of.
- 18 Q. But no one told you were suspend from -- Tito
- 19 suspended you; is that correct?
 - A. No one told me that Tito suspended me? No,
- 21 they wouldn't give his name. You know they wouldn't give
- 22 his name.
- 23 Q. No one told you that somebody made the decision
- 24 to suspend you; is that correct?

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- A. He saying an area manager. And the only
- 2 conversation I had with an area manager was Tito. So 2
- 3 plus 2 is 4.
- Q. Was there a point in time when they told you 4
- you were reactivated on the app?
- 6 A. I was off the platform for two weeks, sir.
- 7 Q. Did they tell you it was going to be two weeks
- that you were off the platform?
- A. You'll be off the platform for two weeks.
- 10 You're suspended, actually, from the platform for two
- 11 weeks, yes.
- 12 Q. And what was the reasoning why you were
- 13 suspended?
- 14 A. Again, I assume that it is because the way I
- 15 must -- he didn't like the way I talked to him. I don't
- 16 know. Because after that, the little conversation
- 17 between me and him, I was suspended.
- 18 Q. What took place during the conversation between
- 19 you and him?
- 20 A. Tito has a problem with talking to people like
- 21 they're kids. His tone and the way he talks and the way
- 22 he directs is as if I'm a child, and I have to correct
- 23 him sometimes and let him know that I'm a grown man, he
- 24 cannot talk to nobody likes that.

- 1 about -- Probably more. Probably a little bit more, but
- it sound about right.
- 3 Q. Did you contact customer service or the area
- managers through the DRAIVER app?
- A. Did I contact the area managers through the --
- Say that -- Rephrase that question, again.
- 7 Q. Could you contact the area managers or customer
- service through the DRAIVER app?
- 9 A. Customer service, not the area managers.
- 10 Q. So you could send messages, text messages to
- 11 customer service through the DRAIVER app?
- A. No, sir. You talk to them. You have to call 12
- 13 the number. Now they did a lot of texting, if that's
- what you're trying to question.
- 15 Q. And you could text customer service back?
- A. On that number? No, I don't believe so. I 16
- don't believe so. And if you did, I don't know about it
- because they didn't act like they ain't answered none of
- my texts when I did, so I don't know for sure.
- 20 Q. It says here that you work with Marcus Bones?
- A. No, it's supposed to be Marcus Bounes,
- 22 BOUN --
- 23 Q. Bounes, Bounes, yeah. I'm having trouble
- 24 reading that. Marcus Bounes on a daily basis; is that

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- 1 correct?
 - 2 A. I talked to him on a daily basis?
 - 3 Q. It says you worked with him on a daily basis.
 - 4 A. Oh, yes, yes, yes. Yes, I did.
 - 5 Q. Do Marcus Bounes usually do driver trips?
 - 6 A. Yes, sir.
 - 7 Q. And you would act as his chaser during that?
 - 8 A. Yes, sir.
 - 9 Q. Have you talked to Marcus Bounes about this
 - 10 lawsuit?
 - 11 A. Have I talked to him?
 - 12 Q. Yeah.
 - A. I reached out to him, but I didn't discuss the 13
 - 14 case with him.
 - 15 Q. So he doesn't know anything -- you never told
 - 16 him about this lawsuit?
 - A. No, sir. He knows -- He knows about the 17
 - lawsuit, but he don't know the -- the contents of it. 18
 - 19 Q. I don't know how to say his name. Vla---
 - 20 Wladmir?
 - 21 A. Wladmir Coello.
 - 22 Q. Got it.
 - 23 A. Yes, sir.
 - 24 Q. Have you talked to him about the lawsuit?

- Q. During the time you believe you were suspended,
- 2 did you talk to any other area managers?
- A. No -- Well, I don't know. I probably talked to
- 4 Alex. I don't know for sure but I prob- -- because I
- talk to Alex a lot.
- Q. You state that Tito is an area manager; is that
- 7 correct?

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- 8 A. That's what he told me.
- Q. What -- Did Tito have a certain client he
- 10 oversaw that you know of?
- A. Penske. 11
- 12 Q. So if you ever had an issue with a Penske trip,
- 13 you'd go to Tito?
- 14 A. Yes, sir. Either Tito or Alex.
- 15 Q. Did you do a lot of Penske trips when you were
- 16 using the app?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Do you know how many trip in total you did
- 19 using the app?
- 20 A. No, sir. DRAIVER will have that.
- 21 Q. So if I state -- told you that you did
- 22 262 trips, does that sound right?
- 23 A. Whatever DRAIVER has in they record, then
- 24 that's what I did. But 260, that sound -- that sound

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- 1 A. Yes, sir. But I didn't discuss the contents.
- Q. How do you talk to these individuals? Do you 2
- talk to them through text message?
- A. No. Over the phone. 4
- 5 Q. Got it.
- 6 Mr. Wright, it states here, I wasn't
- 7 technically scheduled hours, but we had to work a certain
- number of trips per week to remain active on the app they
- had. How many trips a week did you have to work to stay
- active the app?
- 11 A. I know that we had to take like -- I forgot the
- 12 number, but we had to do a -- we had to do a certain
- 13 number of trips or they would take us off. We wouldn't
- 14 be active. I forgot the number. It's been a while. But
- 15 we had to do certain numbers in order to remain active on
- 16 the trip.
- 17 Q. Wasn't there a number of weeks that you didn't
- 18 do any rides and you remained active?
- 19 A. A number of weeks that I didn't do any rides?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. Where is that located at?
- Q. Do you know if there's weeks that you did not
- 23 do any rides on the DRAIVER app between 20- --
- 24 A. The only thing that I can remember out of maybe

1 figure out when you did your trips with the DRAIVER app?

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- 2 A. Yes, sir. If they haven't took that away.
- 3 That is wrong.
- 4 Q. Do you believe there's more weeks than the one
- that you did not perform any trips between August 2020
- and January 2022?
- 7 A. I don't believe so. And then I don't even see
- 8 it on here that I missed a week. If this came from
- 9 DRAIVER.

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- 10 Q. So you could go in your app right now and
- determine if you did any trips between December 14th of
- 2020 and December 27th of 2020; is that correct?
 - A. If I still have access, sir. I said that
- 14 before. You just asked me that. I'll say it again. If
- I still have access.
- Q. Do you have access?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. You can look right now, can't you?
 - A. I can look.
- Q. Can you please look and see if you have access 20
- 21
- 22 A. I don't remember my credentials, but you want
- 23 me to put some credentials in here? Actually, I can't
- even pull the app up now. Well, wait a minute. Nope.

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- 1 It's not even letting me -- It's talking about put in my
- 2 user name and password. I don't remember that. At first
- I didn't have to do all that, just pop on.
- Q. Overall you were never removed from the app for
 - not performing a certain amount of trips; is that
 - 6 correct?
- 7 A. No, because I went over and beyond. They
- changed the rules.
- 9 Q. Do you remember when you took your week
- 10 vacation?
- 11 Really, I don't. But I know it was some
- 12 time -- I don't know. I don't remember. But I went to
- Vegas. I do know that.
- 14 Q. Nice.
- A. Other than that I was working with DRAIVER
- 16 constantly. I believe so.
- 17 Q. When you're doing Chase trips, they never told
- 18 you to wear a certain uniform, did they?
- 19 Depends on the trip, sir.
- 20 Q. Did you -- Were you ever provided any clothing
- 21 with the DRAIVER logo or Driverdo logo?
 - A. No, sir.
- 23 Q. But for some -- Some companies that you perform
- 24 trips for them, you're supposed to dress a certain way;

- 1 a week that I took that -- my week vacation. That was
- 2 the only week that I took off, but I was back at work
- that following Sunday or Monday.
- Q. So the week you turned your -- or took off, you
- still remained active after that on the app?
- A. I guess so because I did -- Do you how many
- 7 trips I got underneath my belt? So of course that one
- week is not going to stop me from being active. I got a
- lot of trips under my belt.
- 10 Q. Okay. I'm going to mark -- I'm going to skip
- 11 exhibits. I'm going to mark this Exhibit 6.
- 12 A. We went from 2 to 6. Oh, yes.
- 13 Q. Mr. Wright, have you ever seen this document?
- 14 A. No, I don't even know what this is.
- 15 Q. Do you know when you did your first trip for
- 16 DRAIVER through the DRAIVER app?
- 17 A. It's in the app. According to this thing it
- 18 says that I did it -- my first trip, August 3rd of 2020.
- 20 did your first trip? Do you believe that's correct?

Q. Does that refresh your recollection on when you

- 21 A. It sounds familiar. But I don't know exactly
- 22 until I -- I have to go into my app and look at it and go
- 23 all the way down to the bottom.

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24 Q. So you today, you can go into your app and 22

Page 57 Page 59 1 certain companies? 1 is that correct? 2 MR. QUALLS: Objection to form. 2 A. They only accepted trips with certain area 3 BY MR. BENSON: managers? Yes. 4 Q. You can still answer if you understand the 4 Q. But what about certain companies? 5 5 question. Unless he tells you not to respond, but ... A. Some drivers did that too because they didn't 6 MR. QUALLS: You can go ahead and answer, like Budget because Budget was deep into Indiana, and you lose a lot of reception. And then a lot of them trucks 7 Mr. Wright. wasn't working, and then they make you stay there 'til BY THE WITNESS: they find you a truck, and you can't leave, and you in a 9 A. On the app we was told to dress a certain way deep part of Indiana at night, and that's not good 10 if we were doing certain trips. They had a contract 11 with -- I forgot the name of the people, but we had to go 11 especially on my looks. Q. Was there any customers that you would not 12 pick the customer car where the -- the car up from the 12 13 customer's house, and we have to be in casual. We 13 accept, or companies you would not accept trips from, or 14 to? 14 couldn't just wear like our regular -- what we wear 15 regular to do the trips. It had to be casual wear. 15 A. No, not that many. Not that many. Not many 16 Q. Was this CarMax trips? because I damn near took everything. I almost took 17 A. Yes, sir. 17 everything, should I say. I don't know. I don't 18 remember. All I know is DRAIVER was my only source of Q. Was that a request of CarMax? 19 A. I do not know. It could have been of a request income, and that's how my bills was getting paid. So me 20 of DRAIVER. 20 not accepting a trip was not me. I had to work. Q. Did DRAIVER provide you anything to perform any 21 Q. Was that --21 22 A. It did say CarMax in the notes, that CarMax 22 of your trips? 23 A. Did they provide anything? 23 said that you need to be dressed this way. It just said 24 Q. Yeah. for this trip you need to dress formal. It did not say --Page 58 Page 60 1 it did not put any pacifics on if CarMax said it or A. Do rent vehicles for me, do that count? 1 2 DRAIVER said it. Q. At times they rented vehicles for you? Q. Was that request, to wear nicer clothes, just 3 A. Yes, sir, because they wanted this trip done specific to CarMax trips? A. That I can think of. 5 Q. So what would they do? They'd rent a larger vehicle for you? Is that what took place? Q. What companies did you do trips for? Do you 6 7 remember? 7 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 8 A. Penske, Budget, U-Haul, and Morgan Corp. 8 Q. That wouldn't happen very often, would it? Q. And you didn't have to -- you weren't told or A. Oh, yeah, that happened very often. Very 10 there wasn't anything on the notes on anything you needed 10 often. 11 to wear for any of those trips, correct? 11 Q. How many times did that happen? 12 A. No, sir. 12 A. Depends on how many trips they got that week. 13 Q. Did you do a lot of CarMax trips? That consists of them needing me to get a van or a larger 14 vehicle to move it because they know I was willing to 15 Q. Do you know how many CarMax trips you did? 15 work. A. Don't remember, sir. I know it wasn't that 16 Q. And that's when you were doing a chaser duty 17 many because I didn't like dressing up. when there was more than five drivers you needed to pick 17 18 Q. Is not that many under five trips? 18 up? A. Yes, sir. Chaser position got changed because 19 A. Probably so. I don't remember. I can't give 19 20 you a designated number. But it know it wasn't that 20 of my performance. 21 many, like it wasn't, yeah, that many at all because I 21 Q. Excuse me? I didn't hear what you just said. 22 don't like dressing up. 22 A. I said that chaser position got changed because

Q. Do you know if certain users, drivers, or 24 chasers only accepted trips for certain customers -- for

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Q. How did they change the position based on your

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of my performance.

DRIVERDO Page 61 Page 63 1 performance? 1 Q. You're a professional driver, you knew what to 2 A. Because like I told you when you asked me 2 do. earlier did I go over and beyond? Because of my over and 3 A. I just love the job. I love the job. That's beyond, they took my over and beyond and made it as a why I did it. requirement. Q. But you weren't required to bring the jumper 6 Q. What do you mean they made it as a requirement? 6 cables? 7 7 A. You don't understand that? A. No, sir. Because this is my only source of Q. I don't. What did they make a requirement, I income, I did what I had to do to keep my income flowing. 9 9 guess? Q. So by bringing those things, if you ran into 10 A. As far as say if snow -- say if it snowed that 10 issues, you could get places quicker; is that correct? 11 day, or any of them, they got it where -- Because it 11 A. Yes, sir. We don't have to wait on the area manager for four and five hours to get us moving. Once 12 wasn't at first. All you had to do was follow the 13 drivers, put them to the destination, and then you again, it's not a good feeling to be stuck on the side of 14 followed the drivers back -- I mean, pull you up to where Indiana at nighttime. 15 you're going, pick up the truck, and then you follow the 15 Q. So essentially you made decisions on how to 16 driver. But I was -- When it was snowing, I brought -- I manage some of the trips overall? 17 bought jumper cables, I bought snow brushes, stuff like 17 A. Yes, sir. And did they like it? Yes, sir. 18 that so when the driver get there instead of us waiting Q. And you used your skill and knowledge to manage 18 19 for somebody to come jump it or because they don't have those, and what you learned from driving? 19 20 brushes or nothing like that, I had that, I cleaned that. 20 A. Yes, sir. So then when I went to look at a chaser position after 21 Q. Okay. 22 that, I noticed that this is what they're requiring now. 22 A. Plus you got to have a passion for it. If you 23 don't have no passion, then you wouldn't do it. I have a 23 And me and Marcus looked at it because I actually saw 24 Marcus, and both of us laughed. And he said they only passion for DRAIVER. That's why I did it. Page 62 Page 64 1 changed it because of how you do it. Q. All right. One second. Mr. Wright, if you ever need a break, you just say it, okay? 2 Q. Oh, so they started requiring chasers to also provide -- have jumper cables and --3 A. I understand. Q. Mr. Wright, you don't have any documents 4 A. Do a little bit more extra work. Do a little 4 5 bit more extra work? Yes. outlining the amount of time you spent on trips, do you, Q. To perform the duties they said you needed 6 for DRAIVER? 7 jumper cables and --7 A. No, sir. But I believe DRAIVER do. Because at 8 A. Yes, sir -the end of the trip they shows you how long you was on 9 9 that trip. Q. -- and stuff to get out of the snow? 10 A. To do a little more extra work, sir. Do not 10 Q. You needed to -- After a trip -- When you 11 put words in my mouth. To do a little bit more extra finished a trip, did you have to close out a trip? Is

- 12 work.
- 13 Q. I just don't -- I don't understand.
- 14 A. Whatever that consists to do -- the chaser
- 15 jobs -- The chaser is now doing extra work. Now whatever
- 16 that extra work was, was some of the obligations I was
- 17 fulfilling. So did they necessarily say you have to have
- 18 a jumper cable in there? No. Did you necessarily have
- 19 that? No. But some of the extra work that I was doing
- 20 is in the notes. Do I know offhand? No. But I wish I
- 21 had took a picture of it so I could have read it to you.
- 22 Q. Because you're a professional driver that you
- 23 did those things; isn't that correct?
- 24 A. Because I'm a who?

- 12 that how it worked?
 - A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. And then after you closed out the trip, it
- 15 would tell you how long the trip was?
 - A. Yes, sir. And then after that I can't see it
- 17 no more. It just showed the price.
- Q. Got it. So once you closed out the trip, is 18
- that when you would get paid?
- A. No, it'll come over the -- Everything got to be 20
- 21 put in there. My mileage had to be put in there, so ...
- The base pay will show up there, the mileage and stuff
- won't get in until the area manager go back and -- I
- believe the area manager go back and fixes it.

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Page 65 Page 67 1 A. A trip. Q. Have you ever worked a company in which you 1 2 received an employee handbook? 2 Q. In these text messages, are you negotiating for 3 A. Have I worked at a company where I received an a rate of pay to perform a trip? A. Yep. Because DRAIVER has a habit of when we 4 employee handbook? 5 Q. Yeah. get there and a truck that's not there is not there, they 6 A. Yeah. Probably when I first started working. have a habit of saying that we cannot leave until they 7 Q. DRAIVER or Driverdo never provided you an either re-assign or find another truck. If they can't 8 employee handbook; is that correct? find, there you dry run. So instead of me waiting all 9 A. They didn't put me no handbook, but they had a that time, I ax for extra money because you're going to 10 set of rules I had to follow. have me waiting. I cannot move until you tell me so, or 11 Q. And are you referring to the terms and 11 there will be again repercussions. So why don't I ax for 12 conditions? more money if I'm sitting there waiting? 13 A. Yes. 13 Q. And then at the end he agreed to give you extra 14 Q. Did you ever receive any e-mails from DRAIVER money? 14 15 or Driverdo or anybody employed by the company? 15 A. Yes, sir. He wanted that trip done. A. From DRAIVER? There's some text massage -- I don't where it's 16 17 Q. Yeah. 17 at, but there's some text messages in there, he didn't 18 A. I've seen a lot of e-mails about -- Concerning 18 give me the money for it. 19 what? 19 Q. And this next message we're looking at, 20 Q. So you received e-mails from DRAIVER or 20 Wright 16. Driverdo? Or was it just text messages? 21 21 A. Mm-hmm. 22 A. Yeah, before. I got e-mails too. 22 Q. You're asking him for another trip; is that 23 Q. Have you looked through your e-mails in this 23 correct? 24 24 case to see what you have, or no? A. I was letting him know that after we drop the Page 66 Page 68 1 A. No. 1 truck off, that, yeah, we are free if you want to send us 2 Q. I'm going to ask -- Later after this I'm going 2 a trip. to ask your attorney to have you look through those. 3 Q. And is he giving you options for two different Did any area manager ever provide you a written 4 trips? performance evaluation? 5 A. No, they just want one of them short trips in 6 A. No, sir. Elk Grove Village, it sounds like ... 7 Q. Was there ever any companywide meetings through 7 Q. Was he offering a trip from Bedford Park as well? DRAIVER or Driverdo? A. The only thing they had to say, normally they 9 A. No. He was asking did I want to do it out of 10 put it on the app. Or they send out a mass text. 10 Bedford Park, or do I want to do it out of Elk Grove. 11 Q. I'm going to -- I'm going to mark this as 11 Q. Got it. What are Kavak (phonetic) employees, 12 Exhibit 4. I'll go slowly through this. These are 12 what does that mean? 13 documents that you provided. I'm looking at Wright 1 to A. There was four employees -- I mean four 14 Wright 24. individuals that was from -- I don't know. If they was 15 Mr. Wright, do you recognize these documents --15 telling me right, they were supposed to be from Mexico 16 these documents? that was thinking about purchasing a piece of DRAIVER, 17 A. Those are text messages from Tito. and they called me because -- Who said that? They felt 17 18 Q. I'm looking at Wright 15. like I was a -- a model employee, and they thought --19 Mr. Wright, is this -- Are these text they felt like I would be a good fit for the four people 20 messages -- What's going on on this -- in these text to get up information about the company. 20

A. Conversation between me and Tito.

Q. And what are guys talking about? Do you

21 messages on this page?

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24 remember?

Q. You're showing them a route, a trip?

A. Yes, sir. About DRAIVER and how they move.

And yeah, they called me to do that trip -- I mean to do

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- Q. Is it fair to say when going through these
- 2 texts, and I don't know if you reviewed all these texts
- 3 before your deposition, but do you remember if most of
- 4 these texts involved you having issues, you bringing them
- 5 to Tito, regarding trips?
- A. I don't say all of it. Some is issues, some is
- 7 axing for trips, some is axing for pay, some is slow down
- B how you talking to me because I -- I keep all my textes,
- 9 so watch how you talk to me. There's a lot of -- me and
- 10 Tito had a lot of conversations.
- 11 Q. Sorry. I'm going back to this.
- 12 We're looking at Wright 11. You have the
- 13 ability to change the times -- the trip start times; is
- 14 that correct?
- 15 A. Do we have the ability to do it?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. We supposed to have the ability to do it. But
- 18 as you can see in this text, there's a problem with that.
- 19 Q. So on certain trips you had the ability to
- 20 change the start time and end time of trips?
- 21 A. As an independent contractor, we supposed to.
- 22 But as you see in this text, it was a problem.
- 23 Q. Here are you telling Tito that you are an
- 24 independent contractor in this text?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. So you and a certain -- certain individuals
 - 3 planned ahead to accept or deny trips together?
 - 4 A. Plan to accept or deny trips? No. Do we -- Do
 - 5 we cover trips? Yes.
 - 6 Q. Would you make decisions with other drivers on
 - 7 what trips to accept?
 - A. Do I make a decision? No, I do not. Do the
 - 9 drivers call me and tell me? Yes, they do.
 - 10 Q. So would you ever talk to Marcus, Hey, Marcus,
 - 11 let's plan on taking this trip together?
 - 12 A. Me and Marcus? Yeah. That's why me and Marcus
 - 13 talk.
 - 14 Q. So you planned trips with other drivers before
 - 15 you accepted them?
 - 16 A. I planned trips? What do you mean? Rephrase
- 17 that. What do you mean planned trips? Because the trips
- 18 are not planned, they just pop up there and we decide if
- 19 we going to grab them or not. And then that's --
- 20 Q. That's -- Yeah. Thank you for clarifying. You
- 21 answered that question.
- 22 So you decided with other drivers or users or
- 23 chasers to accept certain trips together?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And you believed you were an independent
- 3 contractor?
- 4 A. That's what I thought I signed up for.
- 5 Q. And here you're getting mad because he told you
- 6 you couldn't change the time of the trip?
- 7 A. Yes, because he's treating me like an employee,
- 8 yes.
- 9 Q. Is it because when you change the time of a
- 10 trip, it at times has an affect of other users, drivers,
- 11 chasers, not wanting to do the time that you chose?
- 12 A. No, sir. I mean, some drivers, they felt some
- 13 type of way. But I will always call my drivers and get a
- 14 heads up before I do anything. Before any time exchange,
- 15 I always get in contact with the drivers. Now, he had
- 16 drivers that felt like they could do and say whatever
- 17 they want to. And as you see in that text, he backs them
- 18 up.
- 19 Q. You called them your drivers. What do you mean
- 20 by your drivers?
- 21 A. The drivers. Correction. The drivers. Not my
- 22 drivers, the drivers.
- 23 Q. Did you have a team of drivers you interacted
- 24 with to take trips on -- to take trips with?

- Q. Would you strategize with the other drivers and
- 2 chasers what routes to take on trips?
- 3 A. Sometimes. Because the drivers may know that
- 4 area better than I do.
- Q. Would you discuss with the users, drivers, and
- 6 chasers when to start trips?
- 7 A. Do we discuss the times? That's the main
- 8 reason why we call about the time.
- 9 Q. So it's not the time always that was listed on
- 10 the app when to start, but you guys would talk and decide
- 11 when to start going that route?
- 12 A. Sometimes the time on the app be for 5:00, and
- 13 then other times we just start a little earlier.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And then they start having problems with that.
- 16 That's why we started getting into it, because of that,
- 17 because we started -- starting trip early. We started
- 18 doing stuff that says we independent contractors, and
- 19 they didn't like that.
- 20 Q. Would you and the other drivers and chasers
- 21 decide together when to take breaks?
- 22 A. Take breaks?
- 23 Q. Yeah. Go off the road, have a bite of food,
- 24 relax.

- 1 A. No. When they stop and get gas is when they 2 grab something to eat.
- 3 Q. But you could at any time stop and get off the
- 4 road and get something to eat or drink during the trip?
- 5 A. Yeah, we could. It depends on the trip.
- 6 Again, it depends on the trip.
- 7 Q. What do you mean it depends on the trip?
- A. It depends on the trip. Like if the drivers
- 9 want to do that, it depends on the trip. We try -- If we
- 10 got a longer destination to go to, they tend not to go
- 11 and stop and, you know, sit down and eat or nothing like
- 12 that. They'll just, when they get some gas, grab
- 13 something out the gas station and keep on going. So
- 14 again, it depends on the trip.
- 15 Q. You were never told by any area mangers not to
- 16 take a break or get gas or get food on a trip; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. Was I ever told not to?
- 19 Q. Yeah.
- 20 A. Not that I can recollect right now.
- 21 MR. BENSON: All right. I need a ten more minute
- 22 break.
- 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going to go off the video
- 24 record. The time is 12:41 p.m. Central Time.

- 1 second. Based on looking at Exhibit 6, do you still
 - 2 believe you started accepting trips for DRAIVER in 2019,

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- 3 or could you have started in August of 2020 accepting
- 4 trips?
- 5 A. Well, I could have started in August. If this
- 6 says August, then that's when I started. But I -- That
- 7 don't look right to me, as of 2020. Because I moved into
- 8 my house in June of '19, so that can't be right.
- 9 Q. So you moved into your house in June of 2019?
 - A. I was working for DRAIVER that year, so I don't
- 11 understand how it's only 2020 on them.
- 12 Q. Okay. Let's go to the second -- I'm going to
- 13 mark this Exhibit 11. We will go through this document
- 14 real quick. Do you recognize these documents,
- 15 Mr. Wright?
- 16 A. It looks like a 1099 form. It got my name on
- 17 it.
- 18 Q. And this is the correct address?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- 20 Q. Do you remember seeing these -- receiving these
- 21 1099s?
- 22 A. I probably did.
- 23 Q. Do you remember receiving a 1099 for 2019?
- 24 A. I don't know. I probably did. I don't

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- 1 (A short break was had.)
- 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the start of Media Label
- 3 No. 3. We are going back on the video record. The time
- 4 is 12:54 p.m. Central Time.
- 5 BY MR. BENSON:
- 6 Q. All right. I'm going to share what I'm going
- 7 to mark Exhibit 8. I'm going to go over it slowly. Keep
- 8 going through.
- 9 Mr. Wright, do you know -- Do you know if
- 10 you've ever seen this document?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. You don't know?
- 13 A. No, I don't remember seeing this. It says it's
- 14 been revised March 2nd, 2020. I don't remember seeing
- 15 this.
- 16 Q. But you do remember agreeing to DRAIVER's terms
- 17 of service at some point?
- 18 A. I believe so if I got on the app -- if I got on
- 19 the platform.
- 20 Q. So if these are DRAIVER's terms of service in
- 21 August --
- 22 A. Of 2019 when I started? It says last updated
- 23 March 2nd of 2020, so of course it cannot be.
- 24 Q. I'm going to switch over to Exhibit 6 for a

- 1 remember. But I do remember moving into my home in '19,
- 2 and I do remember working for DRAIVER that following -- a
- 3 few months later. So unless it's -- They put down
- 4 whatever they put down, but that's what I remember.
- 5 Q. Do you remember in 2020 if you made \$8,189.65
- working for DRAIVER?
- 7 A. When I first started working for them, that
- 8 sounds about right. I don't know. I don't know.
- 9 Whatever they got down is what it is because I don't
- 10 know.
- 11 Q. Okay. In 2021 was this the only income you
- 12 made the whole year, \$25,085.31?
- 13 A. If that's what it says, sir.
- 14 Q. You never received a W-2 from DRAIVER; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Not that I know of, sir.
- 17 Q. Okay. I'm going to mark this as Exhibit 12.
- 18 MR. BENSON: Colby, this is going to be the Excel
- 19 Spreadsheet I sent yesterday. We tried to produce it to
- 20 you, but it -- it was hard to produce through a PDF, so I
- 21 sent it.
- 22 BY MR. BENSON:
- 23 Q. I'm going to go through this slowly.
- 24 Mr. Wright, do you recognize this document?

- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 Q. I shouldn't say do you recognize this document.
- 3 Do you recognize any of these communications or remember
- 4 any communications that's on here -- that are on here?
- A. Look like stuff that they done sent to me.
- 6 Q. So would they send things to you outlining if
- 7 your trip's been cancelled?
- A. Yep. That means that they took the trip from
- 9 me and gave it to somebody else.
- 10 Q. Is it also that the client could have -- could
- 11 have cancelled the trip?
- 12 A. I thought at first. I did. I did. Until I
- 13 start seeing the trip that I was taken from given to
- 14 somebody else.
- 15 Q. What do you mean here, Do we dry run this trip?
- 16 A. So if we pulling up as an independent
- 17 contractor, if they pull up to -- they have a trip, and
- 18 we get to that destination as an independent contractor,
- 19 if the truck is not there, then we dry run. We're
- 20 supposed to dry run because our intended target was to
- 21 pick up that truck. So we can't do that because we're
- 22 not independent contractors, so we have to ax them, and
- 23 they have to -- we have to wait while they go find
- 24 another truck for us, or if they can find a truck. If

1 truck is not there or whatever their excuse is because we

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- 2 can't leave or do anything until they give us the say so.
- Q. So, yeah, you can't perform the trip if you
- can't get the truck; is that right?
- A. The trip was performed when I went down there.
- 6 Because the truck is not there, that is not my problem.
- 7 I only 'posed to do what's in the notes and to pick up
- 8 that truck. But when I go and do that, they say it's a
- 9 problem. Don't move until we tell you to.
- 10 Q. But at times they'd say, Okay. Truck's not
- 11 coming, dry run it, and you'll get paid?
- 12 A. Yeah, after so many hours, sir.
- 13 Q. So at times the companies wouldn't have the
- 14 trucks where they said they would be in the notes? Is
- 15 that what --
- 16 A. Yes, sir. A lot of times.
- 17 Q. Was there a trip you performed that you didn't
- 18 get paid for?
- 19 A. The very last trip that I was on, I didn't get
- 20 paid for it because that worker said that I hit him, so
- 21 they didn't pay me for that trip.
- 22 Q. But all other trips you performed you got paid
- 23 for?

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- 24 A. No, sir. There was a trip that because the
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- 1 they can't find a truck, that's when I send this answer,
- 2 Do we dry run this trip? Because as an independent
- 3 contractor, we're supposed to be able to dry run without
- 4 axing
- 5 Q. So dry run the trip means you go, you don't
- 6 pick up a truck because it's not there, and then because
- 7 it's not there you still get paid?
- 8 A. Yeah. We suppose to get paid, yes, sir, but
- 9 that's never the case.
- 10 Q. Would you -- Would you have communications with
- 11 individuals that work for the company such as Penske or
- 12 Budget or CarMax on trying to figure out --
- 13 A. With who?
- 14 Q. -- truckswere (phonetic) or carswere
- 15 (phonetic)?
- 16 A. Do we have to call them?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. If the area manager didn't feel like doing it,
- 19 yes.
- 20 Q. So you had to communicate with employees of
- 21 Penske or Budget in performing the trucks at times?
- 22 A. Yeah. I talk to them to check and see if the
- 23 truck was there, or to ax them to call our area manager
- 24 to let them know that the truck has been taken or the

- 1 Budget truck wasn't there, we dry run it, on our way back
- 2 he finally found the truck so we had to go back. So he
- 3 took that money that we supposed to got for the trip when
- 4 the truck wasn't there, he took that back from us and
- 5 only paid for the truck that he found.
- Q. So you did get paid that day for performing a7 trip?
 - A. A trip that they felt like was successful.
- But that trip that I just went there for and
- 10 didn't get paid because he took the pay for, that's just
- I1 money lost, I guess, because I didn't get it.
- 12 Q. But you didn't get all the way home before you
- 13 turned around to actually perform a trip with a truck?
- 14 A. The trip was 160-something hours, if I'm not
- 15 mistaken. I was 40 miles away from dropping them drivers
- 16 off when they changed they mind.
- 17 Q. And they say go back and pick up a different
- 18 truck, is that what it was?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. Or don't get paid.
- 20 Q. Do you know when that took place?
- 21 A. That's when Victor Fields was working for us.
- 22 I don't remember that. But I do know that was on my
- 23 trip.
- 24 Q. So you felt you were underpaid that day for the

because I got into it with Tito. Not because my app 1 amount of miles you drove? 2 A. Yeah, I didn't get paid. I didn't get paid. I wasn't working, because I got into it with Tito. Watch got paid for whatever they felt was sufficient for me to how you question me. I'm listening. get paid. I drove all the way out there. Q. But no one told you you're suspended? 5 Q. Do you have anything in writing or in text 5 A. Yes. When I got on the app and it shows 6 messages regarding that trip? inactive. I have to call and find out. 7 7 Q. And when you called, who did you talk to? A. I don't know. I have to look it up, sir. 8 Knowing me, if he did it in a text, I might have kept it Customer service. 9 because I try not -- I try not to get rid of none of that Q. And what did customer service say? because the way they was talking and what they was doing. 10 A. That you was suspended for two weeks off the 11 Q. So when you're looking back, could you only 11 platform. 12 Q. At any time after accepting a trip, did you 12 find text messages you had between you and Tito? 13 A. Yeah. I got all the text messages with Tito. 13 then decline it? 14 A. Any time I accepted a trip did I decline it? 14 What do you mean? 15 Q. Could you find any other texts you had with 15 Q. Yeah. After accepting it, did you in the 16 any -- anything else related to taking trips on Driverdo end decline it? 16 or DRAIVER? 17 A. Yeah, some of them I did for personal reasons. A. I have to look, sir. Don't know offhand, but I Because my kids has asthma and bronchitis. So my 18 18 19 would have to look. daughter bronchitis would flare up, or my son asthma 20 Q. Do you have texts with other hikers or chasers 20 would flare up at any point in time. 21 you were performing trips with? 21 Q. So those are some of the trips you couldn't --A. Yes. sir. 22 you had to decline after accepting? 23 23 A. Yes, sir, because my kids are important to me. Q. So you'd have -- Have you looked through your 24 text messages to see what you have regarding the other 24 Q. And you believe your two-week suspension was in Page 82 Page 84 1 2021 some time? 1 trips you performed? 2 A. This trip would be between me and Omar. So A. I believe so, sir. I don't remember. that means that the conversation would be between me and Q. Do you remember exactly what it said in the app Omar. And I doubt he did it in a text because I don't when you believe you were suspended? 5 see it, so that means that I must was talking to Omar. 5 A. It was inactive. That's all I saw, was Tito is the only one that loved texting. He was like inactive. What I remember, should I say. texting a little bit. Omar, he don't like texting that 7 Q. Is this the first lawsuit you've ever brought? much. He normally call you and talk to you. 8 A. Against DRAIVER, yes. Q. But do you have texts -- any texts with other Q. Against anyone. Have you ever brought a 10 drivers or chasers regarding performing trips between 10 lawsuit against anybody before or currently? 11 2019 and 2022? 11 A. Not that I can think of. Have I participated 12 A. I said yes, sir. in a lawsuit? Yes. 12 13 Q. Okay. Do you have any texts with anyone 13 Q. What lawsuit have you participated in? 14 related to the -- what he said was a two-week suspension? A. Because I drunk Red Bull, because I use 14 15 A. Not that I know of. I know I talked to Marcus 15 Facebook. 16 about it because he was mad about it. He was actually 16 Q. The Facebook one was good. I think I got 17 sitting in the car with me. 17 400 bucks, or something. 18 Q. And the only way you were notif- -- apparently So you've signed up to participate in class 19 notified of the suspension was because your app wouldn't 19 actions, is what you've done? 20 work? 20 A. Pretty much that's all it is. 21 A. Yes. sir. 21 Q. But you've never been the named individual 22 Q. But that's the only reason you believe you were plaintiff in either lawsuits, right? 23 suspended, because your app wasn't working? 23 A. Not to my recollection. Not to my knowledge,

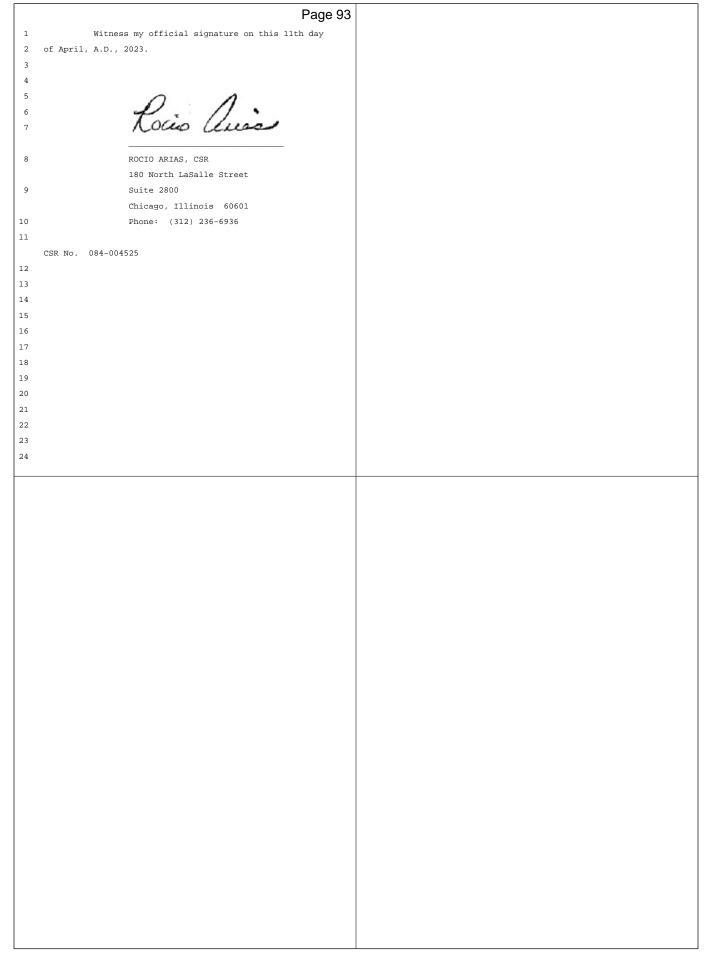
A. Only reason I believe I was suspended is

24 I've never been in no lawsuit. This is the first lawsuit

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Page 85 Page 87 1 I've ever been in. THE WITNESS: It's disconnected. 1 2 Q. Have you ever been convicted of any felonies 2 BY MR. BENSON: 3 before? 3 Q. Mr. Wright, is there anything keeping you from working today generally? 4 A. Convicted, no. Felonies, no. 5 And if I'm not mistaken, don't DRAIVER do a THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I think he's -- I think he's --5 6 background check before they hire you? Oh, he's back again. One moment. 7 7 Q. I'm not going to answer any questions. THE WITNESS: There you go. It keep pausing. I 8 A. Okay. 8 don't understand. 9 Q. Did you sue Uber stating that you believe you MR. BENSON: Let's give him a second. It says your 10 were an employee instead of an independent contractor? 10 bandwidth is low, but it'll probably get better in a 11 A. No. 11 second. 12 Q. Why didn't you sue Uber? 12 THE WITNESS: Right. I'm sorry. That's better? 13 A. 'Cause Uber didn't treat me like DRAIVER. 13 MR. BENSON: Much better, yeah. 14 Q. What did you like about using the DRAIVER app? THE WITNESS: Okay. 14 15 A. Everything. Like I said, I had a passion for 15 BY MR. BENSON: 16 it. It was paying the bills, it was consistent. Some of Q. Is there anything currently inhibiting you from 16 17 the area managers was -- was acceptable. So I did -- I 17 working generally? 18 really did enjoy that job. 18 A. My vehicle. I don't have the funds to fix it. 19 Q. Did you like the freedom that it provided you Q. So it -- it -- generally for driving, you can't 19 20 to work when you wanted? 20 drive on any ride --21 A. That was okay. But I like the freedom of 21 A. No, sir. 22 working, period. And they gave me consistency. 22 Q. So have you had no income for the last year and 23 23 two months? Q. Did the amount of money you made accepting 24 trips for DRAIVER depend on the amount of trips you 24 A. No, sir. Just my wife. Page 86 Page 88 1 accepted for DRAIVER? Q. Just your wife's. Okay. 1 2 A. No. 2 A. Yes, sir. That's not enough to take care of my Q. If you accepted more trips for DRAIVER, would 3 family. you usually make more money? 4 Q. So is your job currently to take care of your A. Honestly, sir, it depends on the trip. It children? depends on the trip. And I can go a little further, it A. Yes, sir. Take care of my two little ones and 7 depends on the area manager, how much they want to put on three older ones. We have three teenagers. 7 8 there. 8 MR. BENSON: All right. I need five minutes off the Q. What knowledge do you have that an area manager 9 record. 10 has any input into how much a trip pays? 10 Colby, I might be done, but I just need a 11 couple minutes to determine if I am, okay? A. Again, I been talk to Tito, Alex, and all of 12 them countless of times. And then I'm talking to them, 12 MR. QUALLS: All right. 13 he done adjust my prices plenty of times. So that's how 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're going to go off the 14 I know that they able to do it. video record. The time is 1:29 p.m. Central Time. Stand 15 Q. So you know talking to the area managers, they 15 bv. 16 can adjust prices, and they did it? 16 (A short break was had.) THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the start of Media Label 17 A. Yes, sir. 17 18 Q. Okay. 18 No. 4. We're going back on the video record. The time 19 I'm almost done. I'm just going through my is 1:38 Central Time. 20 notes here. I'm just making sure I have everything. MR. BENSON: I have no further questions. 20 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do you want to go off the video 21 MR. QUALLS: No questions for me. 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Does the court reporter 22 record because we lost --23 MR. BENSON: No, I can go. 23 need to get -- or have anything that you need to put on 24 MR. QUALLS: There he is. 24 the -- on the record?

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       COURT REPORTER: Are we going to do signature on
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   this one, or --
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       MR. BENSON: Did you say, Colby, you have no
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       COURT REPORTER: Yeah. He said no questions.
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      MR. BENSON: Okay.
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       COURT REPORTER: Is there signature on this one, or
   no? I mean, I usually know that federal cases do not,
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   but I have attorneys that do request it. Do you want to
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   add it on the record if you want signature waived or
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       MR. QUALLS: I would reserve. I'm not going to
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13 request at this time. I will reserve the right to
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       MR. BENSON: I'll order it. Slow delivery. Nothing
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       COURT REPORTER: And then the exhibits, are you
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       MR. BENSON: Yeah. Once we get off the record. I
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22 don't know if we're off the record, but can we talk about
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23 the exhibits.
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       COURT REPORTER: Yeah.
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      THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I can go ahead, and I'll take us
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  off video now.
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      COURT REPORTER: Okay.
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      THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now concludes the deposition
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   of Isaac Wright on April 27, 2023. And we're going off
   the video record at 1:40 p.m. Central Time.
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             (Witness excused.)
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